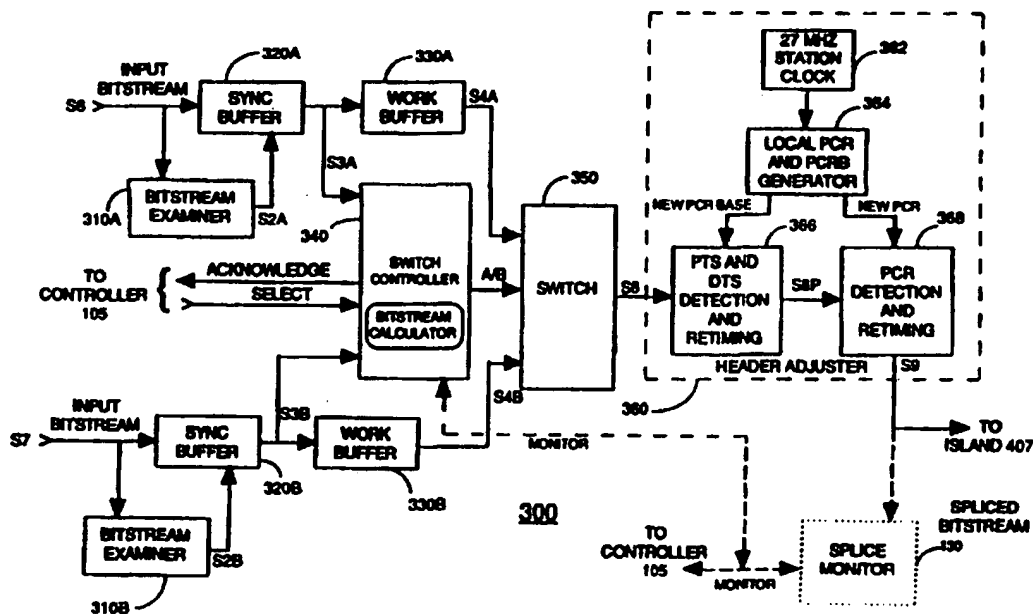


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## (57) Abstract

A method and apparatus for splicing a first compressed digital information stream (56) into a second compressed digital information stream (57). The first information stream (56) includes at least one entrance indicium identifying an appropriate stream entrance point, the second information stream includes at least one exit indicium identifying an appropriate stream exit point. A controller (340) monitors the two streams until the appropriate points are found and, in response to a control signal (A/B), splices the first stream into the second stream.